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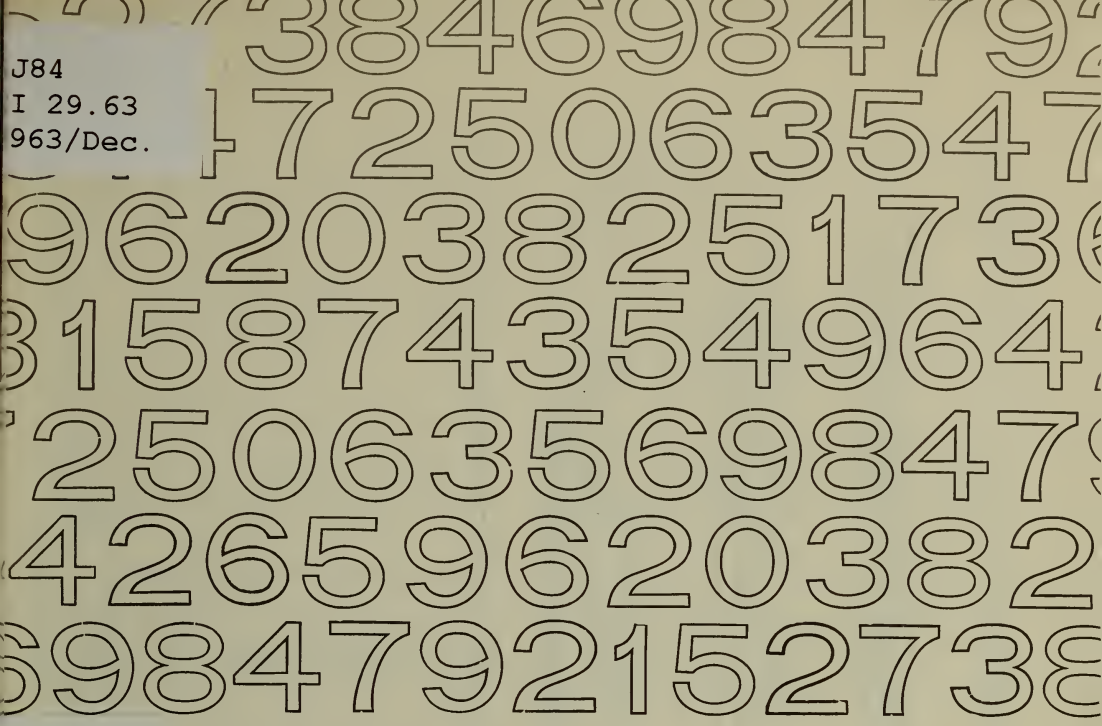

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FOREWORD

The National Park Service, a bureau of the Department of the Interior, administers Federally owned scenic, scientific, historic, and recreational areas established by statutory authority for the benefit and enjoyment of the people, and the National Capital Parks, a metropolitan park system comprising over 750 urban and rural parks located in and around Washington, D. C. exclusive of the National Memorials located therein.

This monthly report contains data reflecting total use by the public of the national parks. Data are in thousands of visits. Statistically, a "Visit" is the entry of any person into a national park such that he makes some use of the services or facilities provided by the National Park Service. "Overnight stays" include park visitors in campgrounds and in commercial accommodations within the parks. A few parks are excluded from the reporting system for reasons of impracticality in producing consistent or meaningful data.

TABLE 1 - CLASSES OF AREAS ADMINISTERED BY THE NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

CODE	CLASS OF AREA	NUMBER OF AREAS	
		ADMINISTERED	REPORTING VISITS
NP	National Parks	31	31
NB	National Battlefields	5	5
NBP	National Battlefield Parks	3	3
NBS	National Battlefield Sites	3	3
NC	National Cemeteries	10	10
NHS	National Historic Sites	21	15
NHP	National Historical Parks	10	9
NMem	National Memorials	15	14
NMemP	National Memorial Park	1	1
NMP	National Military Parks	11	11
NM	National Monuments	78	75
NRA	National Recreation Areas	4	3
NS	National Seashore	4	1
	National Parkways	3	2
	National Capital Park System	1	1
	White House	1	1
	TOTAL	201	184

TABLE 2a - SUMMARY OF PUBLIC USE, BY REGIONS, CURRENT MONTH

REGION	VISITS (THOUSANDS)			OVERNIGHT STAYS (THOUSANDS)		
	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	% Change From 1962	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	% Change From 1962
ALL CLASSES OF PARKS - TOTAL 1/	3,088.4	3,036.5	+ 1.7	154.5	125.5	+ 23.1
Southeast Region	1,605.1	1,747.6	- 8.2	29.0	19.6	+ 47.9
Midwest Region	116.8	130.1	- 10.2	0	0.3	-100.0
Southwest Region	450.1	398.3	+ 13.0	59.0	51.6	+ 14.3
Western Region	382.0	370.0	+ 3.2	64.4	54.0	+ 19.3
Northeast Region	284.5	244.7	+ 16.3	0	0	N/C
National Capital Region	445.6	320.2	+ 39.2	0.5	0.9	- 44.8
TOTAL, ALL REGIONS	3,284.0	3,210.9	+ 2.3	155.0	126.3	+ 22.7

TABLE 2b - SUMMARY OF PUBLIC USE, BY REGIONS, CUMULATIVE, YEAR TO DATE

REGION	VISITS (THOUSANDS)			OVERNIGHT STAYS (THOUSANDS)		
	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962	% Change From 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962	% Change From 1962
ALL CLASSES OF PARKS - TOTAL 1/	94,092.9	88,457.1	+ 6.4	11,031.6	10,176.8	+ 8.4
Southeast Region	40,203.7	37,712.0	+ 6.6	1,562.5	1,449.6	+ 7.8
Midwest Region	12,847.3	12,118.9	+ 6.0	2,712.2	2,522.4	+ 7.5
Southwest Region	11,896.2	10,338.9	+ 15.1	2,091.8	1,753.6	+ 19.3
Western Region	11,232.6	12,081.0	- 7.0	3,672.1	3,543.1	+ 3.6
Northeast Region	10,428.4	9,649.9	+ 8.1	990.9	908.1	+ 9.1
National Capital Region	16,102.4	15,144.1	+ 6.3	125.0	1,512.4	- 91.7
TOTAL, ALL REGIONS	102,710.6	97,044.8	+ 5.8	11,156.5	10,430.8	+ 6.9

1/ *Includes all classes of parks listed in Table 1 except National Capital Parks, for which see Table 3. This total is comparable with "ALL CLASSES - TOTAL" as published prior to 1963.*

TABLE 3 - NUMBER OF VISITS AND OVERNIGHT STAYS, INDIVIDUAL AREAS

AREA	VISITS (THOUSANDS)				OVERNIGHT STAYS (THOUSANDS)			
	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962
Abraham Lincoln Birthplace NHS, Kentucky	4.7	5.5	293.4	315.8				
Acadia NP, Maine	16.2	19.2	1,864.8	1,601.5	0	0	941.6	876.7
Adams NHS, Massachusetts	*	*	12.8	13.3				
Andrew Johnson NM, Tennessee	2.9	2.2	48.1	48.9				
Antietam NBS & NC, Maryland	2.1	2.2	103.3	176.0				
Appomattox Court House NHP, Virginia	4.6	1.8	141.0	152.2				
Arches NM, Utah	2.8	2.0	118.2	105.7	*	*	9.1	8.1
Aztec Ruins NM, New Mexico	1.0	0.9	45.1	41.4				
Badlands NM, South Dakota	17.2	18.4	1,074.0	1,044.8	0	0	43.4	57.6
Bandelier NM, New Mexico	2.8	1.3	113.8	97.2	0.1	*	24.3	20.7
Battleground NC, District of Columbia	0.2	0.2	2.7	2.7				
Big Bend NP, Texas	7.3	5.1	114.2	91.0	2.9	1.9	66.4	51.2
Big Hole Battlefield NM, Montana	0	0	15.2	13.8	0	0	0.2	0
Black Canyon of the Gunnison NM, Colorado	0.5	0.6	156.6	131.8	0	0	16.2	9.2
Blue Ridge Parkway, Virginia-North Carolina	144.1	153.1	7,233.9	6,507.3	0	0	170.0	149.4
Booker T. Washington NM, Virginia	0.6	1.1	14.7	12.6				
Brices Cross Roads NBS, Mississippi	*	0.1	2.6	2.0				
Bryce Canyon NP, Utah	1.2	1.2	289.5	251.0	0	0	103.9	86.4
Buck Island Reef NM, Virgin Islands	1.0	0.5	9.4	6.6	0	0	*	0
Cabrillo NM, California	70.8	79.2	994.0	933.1				
Canyon de Chelly NM, Arizona	0.9	0.6	30.0	25.4	0.3	0.1	16.8	13.9
Cape Hatteras NS, North Carolina	31.2	21.9	873.3	649.3	0.7	0.5	258.5	264.8
Capitol Reef NM, Utah	2.5	5.2	93.2	163.5	0.1	0.1	8.7	7.9
Capulin Mountain NM, New Mexico	0.9	1.4	42.8	40.3				
Carlsbad Caverns NP, New Mexico	18.7	19.4	586.6	556.0				
Casa Grande Ruins NM, Arizona	10.3	4.4	105.7	83.9				
Castillo de San Marcos NM, Florida	26.3	22.6	444.3	416.6				
Cedar Breaks NM, Utah	0	0.3	143.1	92.3	0	0	5.0	4.1

Chaco Canyon NM, New Mexico	1.9	1.4	38.8	21.6	*	*	1.8	1.2
Chalmette NHP, Louisiana	20.1	21.5	518.3	378.1				
Channel Islands NM, California 1/	0.1		1.2		*		0.5	
Chickamauga & Chattanooga NMP, Ga.-Tenn.	42.8	44.6	1,084.6	1,068.0				
Chiricahua NM, Arizona	1.7	2.6	51.8	51.7	.0.2	0.3	9.9	9.6
Christiansted NHS, Virgin Islands	0.9	0.4	6.1	4.4				
City of Refuge NHP, Hawaii 2/	3.1	2.9	51.2	37.8	0.1	0.1	1.0	1.4
Colonial NHP & Yorktown NC, Virginia	330.7	308.2	6,280.8	5,792.0				
Colorado NM, Colorado	18.9	15.4	347.9	317.4	0	*	13.9	12.1
Coronado NMem, Arizona	2.4	1.9	28.3	24.8				
Coulee Dam NRA, Washington	3.2	5.9	664.5	689.9	0	*	71.2	71.0
Cowpens NBS, South Carolina	0.2	0.9	17.2	9.6				
Crater Lake NP, Oregon	5.7	6.0	475.7	592.4	0	*	67.2	87.3
Craters of the Moon NM, Idaho	0.3	1.4	134.9	160.8	0	0	14.3	14.5
Cumberland Gap NHP, Ky.-Tenn.-Va.	2.8	3.1	159.7	151.9	0	0	7.8	2.5
Custer Battlefield NM, Montana	1.9	2.0	175.0	179.7				
Custis-Lee Mansion NMem, Virginia	28.8	8.0	473.4	446.5				
Death Valley NM, California-Nevada	39.4	41.6	408.1	363.4	29.0	24.1	195.2	180.7
De Soto NMem, Florida	7.9	6.2	78.2	72.8				
Devils Postpile NM, California	0	0	52.9	63.2	0	0	7.9	9.6
Devils Tower NM, Wyoming	1.8	1.0	125.4	124.9	0	0	16.4	15.9
Dinosaur NM, Utah-Colorado	2.1	2.7	223.0	260.4	0	*	18.4	40.0
Edison NHS, New Jersey	1.3	1.3	32.6	33.6	0	0	0	*
Effigy Mounds NM, Iowa	0.7	0.9	74.4	54.1				
El Morro NM, New Mexico	0.5	1.1	16.3	22.0	0	0	1.2	0.8
Everglades NP, Florida	69.5	52.5	669.2	626.1	17.8	12.7	124.7	99.3
Federal Hall NMem, New York	2.7	2.1	58.8	60.3				
Fort Caroline NMem, Florida	3.1	2.2	51.9	46.1				

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	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962
Fort Clatsop NMem, Oregon	1.9	1.4	71.7	70.5				
Fort Donelson NMP & NC, Tennessee	48.3	48.0	631.3	590.8				
Fort Frederica NM, Georgia	7.1	7.1	147.6	140.7				
Fort Jefferson NM, Florida	1.7	1.0	26.2	7.7	1.5	0.1	19.2	8.9
Fort Laramie NHS, Wyoming	1.0	1.5	65.8	63.6				
Fort Matanzas NM, Florida	5.2	4.9	80.3	72.4				
Fort McHenry NM, Maryland	20.1	16.5	512.3	495.8				
Fort Necessity NB, Pennsylvania	0.6	1.1	196.1	166.0	0	0	2.4	0
Fort Pulaski NM, Georgia	8.7	7.7	176.3	161.6				
Fort Raleigh NHS, North Carolina	1.2	0.7	136.7	110.6				
Fort Sumter NM, South Carolina	3.5	1.1	142.9	60.3				
Fort Union NM, New Mexico	0.4	0.3	12.5	11.8				
Fort Vancouver NHS, Washington	2.5	2.2	63.9	51.4				
Fredericksburg & Spotsylvania NMP & NC, Va.	24.9	30.3	465.8	522.3				
General Grant NMem, New York	14.5	14.8	304.1	278.1				
George Washington Birthplace NM, Virginia	4.2	4.0	95.7	126.0				
George Washington Carver NM, Missouri	1.5	3.2	46.6	35.5				
Gettysburg NMP & NC, Pennsylvania	38.3	26.2	2,024.0	1,893.3	0	0	17.4	10.8
Gila Cliff Dwellings NM, New Mexico	0.2	*	9.8	3.1				
Glacier NP, Montana	0.2	0.4	810.2	966.1	0	0	314.1	316.6
Glacier Bay NM, Alaska	*	*	0.8	1.1	0	0	1.3	0.5
Gran Quivira NM, New Mexico	0.3	0.4	9.4	9.5	0	*	0.2	0.2
Grand Canyon NM, Arizona	0.1	*	0.8	0.9	*	0	0.2	0.2
Grand Canyon NP, Arizona	36.0	33.2	1,538.7	1,446.5	10.7	9.6	649.7	570.8
Grand Portage NM, Minnesota	0	0	32.4	32.2				
Grand Teton NP, Wyoming	3.6	3.2	2,158.8	1,799.4	0	0	491.1	431.0
Great Sand Dunes NM, Colorado	0.7	1.0	105.7	92.8	*	*	15.5	11.9
Great Smoky Mountains NP, N. C.-Tenn.	64.1	86.1	5,258.7	5,209.8	0.8	1.0	527.8	505.5

Guilford Courthouse NMP, North Carolina	17.4	20.5	470.6	459.2				
Haleakala NP, Hawaii	5.4	4.0	72.1	71.2	0.1	0.1	1.9	2.1
Hampton NHS, Maryland	0.8	1.0	14.1	14.5				
Harpers Ferry NHP, West Virginia	30.1	22.5	709.3	658.0				
Hawaii Volcanoes NP, Hawaii	40.8	31.2	494.7	421.6	3.4	4.2	51.2	50.7
Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt NHS, New York	4.4	4.9	271.6	233.2				
Homestead NM, Nebraska	0.9	1.2	27.6	40.5				
Hopewell Village NHS, Pennsylvania	1.3	2.1	114.6	114.2				
Horseshoe Bend NMP, Alabama	1.8	0.8	29.8	14.0				
Hot Springs NP, Arkansas	84.0	104.4	1,870.6	1,874.0	0.7	0.1	33.1	19.1
House Where Lincoln Died NMem, D. C.	4.9	3.7	135.0	163.9				
Hovenweep NM, Utah-Colorado	0.2	0.2	5.3	4.0	0	0	0.4	0.5
Independence NHP, Pennsylvania	100.7	78.4	2,348.8	2,142.6				
Isle Royale NP, Michigan	0	0	7.8	5.4	0	0	29.5	20.7
Jefferson Nat'l Expansion Memorial NHS, Mo.	5.3	6.5	250.0	94.1				
Jewel Cave NM, South Dakota	0	0	44.0	41.2	0	0	1.0	1.1
Joshua Tree NM, California	29.6	28.3	346.3	331.5	4.5	3.7	57.2	46.0
Katmai NM, Alaska	0	0	0.7	0.3	0	0	1.5	1.0
Kennesaw Mountain NBP, Georgia	13.9	9.0	203.6	178.2				
Kings Canyon NP, California	18.0	12.5	778.6	826.1	0	0	271.6	219.8
Kings Mountain NMP, South Carolina	9.3	13.1	346.1	287.8				
Lake Mead NRA, Arizona-Nevada	183.6	164.5	3,349.6	2,688.7	38.4	34.6	741.9	607.5
Lassen Volcanic NP, California	9.0	9.5	369.3	399.0	0	0	130.5	127.6
Lava Beds NM, California	2.1	1.8	76.6	69.2	*	*	4.4	4.7
Lehman Caves NM, Nevada	0.2	0.3	32.5	27.3				
Lincoln Memorial NMem, District of Columbia	128.4	60.9	3,461.1	2,672.3				
Lincoln Museum NMem, District of Columbia	8.7	6.5	239.1	261.5				
Mammoth Cave NP, Kentucky	25.8	16.4	636.1	569.3	0.9	0.6	109.7	102.1

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	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962
Manassas NBP, Virginia	5.6	3.2	242.5	201.6				
Mesa Verde NP, Colorado	3.4	2.5	325.3	262.2	0	0	129.3	110.0
Montezuma Castle NM, Arizona	11.9	9.1	231.7	221.3				
Moores Creek NMP, North Carolina	0.8	0.8	27.1	25.7				
Morristown NHP, New Jersey	28.7	27.5	473.4	449.6				
Mound City Group NM, Ohio	0.8	0.7	41.4	30.7				
Mount McKinley NP, Alaska	*	*	18.4	16.6	*	*	25.5	22.4
Mount Rainier NP, Washington 3/	31.7	34.2	1,544.3	1,905.3	0.4	0.4	96.0	116.6
Mount Rushmore NMem, South Dakota	5.3	6.2	1,272.8	1,209.4				
Muir Woods NM, California	25.0	23.0	577.9	532.8				
Natchez Trace Parkway, Ala.-Miss.-Tenn.	336.8	491.4	5,288.8	5,328.0	*	*	1.4	0.8
National Capital Parks, D.C.-Md.-Va.	195.6	174.4	8,617.7	8,587.7	0.5	0.9	125.0	254.1
Natural Bridges NM, Utah	0.2	0.1	11.6	10.1	0	0	1.1	1.1
Navajo NM, Arizona	0.2	0.1	7.9	4.5	*	*	3.0	2.1
Ocmulgee NM, Georgia	3.2	3.1	71.8	67.4				
Olympic NP, Washington	40.3	41.6	1,576.2	2,044.4	0.9	0.6	258.4	258.0
Oregon Caves NM, Oregon	1.1	0.7	125.8	129.1	0	0	5.8	7.2
Organ Pipe Cactus NM, Arizona	31.4	27.8	329.8	294.1	5.8	4.4	41.0	35.1
Pea Ridge NMP, Arkansas	1.2	1.5	44.7	36.6				
Perry's Victory NM, Ohio	0	0	74.1	69.6				
Petersburg NB & Poplar Grove NC, Virginia	84.1	45.7	1,031.4	848.4				
Petrified Forest NP, Arizona	20.9	17.7	786.0	705.0				
Pinnacles NM, California	5.1	3.7	97.0	81.5	0.9	0.7	26.1	19.9
Pipe Spring NM, Arizona	0.6	0.5	24.9	18.8	0.1	*	1.4	1.7
Pipestone NM, Minnesota	1.7	1.6	178.5	157.3				
Platt NP, Oklahoma	31.0	29.2	1,422.6	1,218.6	0.3	0.2	108.4	92.6
Richmond NBP, Virginia	15.0	12.1	311.8	240.1				
Rocky Mountain NP, Colorado	20.5	17.8	1,855.4	1,773.8	0	0	244.2	216.7

Russell Cave NM, Alabama	0.4	2.0	44.9	9.2				
Saguaro NM, Arizona	16.0	11.6	177.0	146.3				
Salem Maritime NHS, Massachusetts	0.9	1.0	147.2	106.9				
San Juan NHS, Puerto Rico	24.7	17.5	218.7	197.2				
Saratoga NHP, New York	0.5	0.6	97.1	80.2				
Scotts Bluff NM, Nebraska	3.1	4.3	99.9	96.3				
Sequoia NP, California	14.8	15.3	631.7	687.4	2.4	2.6	308.2	327.9
Shadow Mountain NRA, Colorado	7.1	18.7	782.9	693.3	0	0.3	69.7	51.3
Shenandoah NP, Virginia	31.0	33.4	2,237.8	2,049.4	0.6	0.7	250.2	235.1
Shiloh NMP & NC, Tennessee	20.7	72.0	745.7	803.2				
Sitka NM, Alaska	0.2	0.2	18.8	13.6				
Statue of Liberty NM, New York	17.5	19.8	848.0	863.8				
Stones River NB & NC, Tennessee	0.1	0.4	33.1	46.7				
Sunset Crater NM, Arizona	6.1	1.9	145.4	112.0				
Theodore Roosevelt NMemP, North Dakota	2.3	3.0	237.5	245.7	0	0	20.4	20.4
Thomas Jefferson NMem, District of Columbia	25.5	24.4	1,423.2	1,251.3				
Timpanogos Cave NM, Utah	2.3	2.3	165.7	133.5	*	0.1	9.4	7.8
Tonto NM, Arizona	5.4	5.5	68.4	56.2				
Tumacacori NM, Arizona	6.3	5.9	54.4	55.2				
Tupelo NB, Mississippi	*	*	0.8	0.8				
Tuzigoot NM, Arizona	1.9	1.6	38.6	34.6				
Vanderbilt Mansion NHS, New York	3.0	2.9	172.2	163.3				
Vicksburg NMP & NC, Mississippi	52.4	53.3	923.9	933.7				
Virgin Islands NP, Virgin Islands	8.4	5.1	86.2	55.4	5.9	3.1	60.2	62.1
Walnut Canyon NM, Arizona	2.5	2.2	80.0	76.5				
Washington Monument NMem, D. C.	53.6	42.3	1,750.2	1,758.3				
White Sands NM, New Mexico	18.1	16.5	413.5	371.2				
Whitman Mission NHS, Washington	2.7	1.5	79.1	55.2				

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	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962	DEC. 1963	DEC. 1962	JAN-DEC 1963	JAN-DEC 1962
Wind Cave NP, South Dakota	20.7	21.1	931.1	818.6	0	0	15.6	6.2
Wright Brothers NMem, North Carolina	5.8	3.5	249.7	223.6				
Wupatki NM, Arizona	3.3	1.8	83.0	71.7				
Yellowstone NP, Idaho-Montana-Wyoming	0.5	0.6	1,872.5	1,925.2	0	0	1,447.6	1,344.3
Yosemite NP, California	28.8	21.3	1,473.4	1,505.5	21.9	17.4	2,075.2	1,974.3
Yucca House NM, Colorado	*	*	0.2	0.1				
Zion NP, Utah	12.1	13.6	681.1	622.1	0.1	0.1	143.2	108.3

* *Less than 50 visits or overnight stays.*

1/ Channel Islands NM data were first published beginning January 1963.

2/ City of Refuge NHP: Change November 1963 visits from 3.0 to 3.9, increasing all cumulative totals and Western Region totals by a corresponding amount. Change November 1963 overnight stays from 0.1 to 0.2, again making the corresponding changes down the line.

3/ Mount Rainier NP: Increase August 1963 overnight stays by 2.8, making the corresponding change in the Western Region and in all affected cumulative totals for the months of August through November. The December cumulative totals shown in this issue reflect the correction already and should not be changed.

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